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With the qualifications that are prescribed, as I have already said, even amongst Harijans, there are qualified persons available and there is no necessity to lower the standards."

Sri M. C. MUTHUKUMARASWAMY :—" இப்போது உத்தியோகத்தி லுள்ள போலீஸ் ஹரிஜன உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களை வெவ்வேறிடத்திற்கு மாற்றும்போது அவர்களுடைய ஜாதிகளைக் குறித்து அனுப்பிவிடுகிறார்கள் என்பதாகத் தெரிகிறது. அப்படி ஜாதியைக்குறித்து அனுப்புவதால் அவர்களுக்கு அங்கே மதிப்பு கிடைப்பதில்லை. தஞ்சை ஜில்லாவில் எனக்குத் தெரிந்த ஹரிஜன உத்தியோகஸ்தர் அவர் ஹரிஜன வகுப்பைச் சேர்ந்தவர் என்பதற்காக அவருக்கு வீடு கிடைக்கவில்லை. ஆதலால் சர்க்கார் இந்த உத்தியோகஸ்தர்கள் விஷயத்தில் ஜாதியைக் குறிப்பிடாமல் இருப்பார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" நீங்கள் சொல்லும் விஷயம் ஹரிஜனங்களைப்பற்றியதாக இருந்தபோதிலும், இதற்கும் இப்பொழுது கேட்டிருக்கும் கேள்விக்கும் சம்பந்தமில்லை. ஆதலால் நீங்கள் வேறு கேள்வி போடவும்."

Reorganization of P.C.C. Societies in Malabar.

* 1768 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have received a copy of the resolution containing suggestions including the appointment of a committee for the reorganization of the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies, Limited, Malabar, passed at a conference held at the instance of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies on 2nd February 1955 at Kozhikode; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. The Committee was constituted at the conference itself.

" (*b*) The resolutions are under consideration."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, Government have recognized the urgency and the need for the reorganization of the co-operative movement in Malabar and now this Committee was appointed at a meeting presided over by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. The Secretary of that Society is a Deputy Registrar. There will be no incentive to work without Government recognition. Will the Government therefore consider recognizing the Committee, that the Committee may submit a report to the Central Committee appointed by the Government to go into the co-operative movement? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" There will be no difficulty, Sir. The Government have already decided that the societies should be taken over by the Co-operative department and that they may be converted into Rural Banks. I understand from my Hon. Colleague, the Minister for Agriculture that more than 75 per cent of the stock of foodgrains held by these societies have been taken over by the Government and their accounts are being settled very expeditiously."

Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMAD SHAFEE :—" Sir, in the question it is stated that the conference was held at the instance of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Madras. May I know whether

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the Registrar issued any invitation, or any notice, or any intimation to the societies concerned, that is, the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar? As a matter of fact, I as the then president of the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society of Perunthalamanna have not received any intimation, notice or invitation from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. In such circumstances, is it proper on the part of the Head of the Department to take the initiative in holding a conference like this and in inviting a certain section of the people alone, leaving others, without even showing the ordinary courtesy of intimating to the other societies about holding of such a conference?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the conference was convened by the President of the Malabar District Co-operative Bank: the Registrar of Co-operative Societies only attended that conference and representatives of 39 societies were invited by the president to this conference."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister was pleased to state that representatives of 39 societies were invited by the President of the Bank. May I know why that President invited the representatives of 39 societies alone when there are about 100 societies? May I also know from the Hon. Minister whether any outsiders other than the representatives of the so-called societies were invited, if so, who were they; whether any M.L.As. of the district were invited and if so, why to the other M.L.As. of the district that invitation was not extended?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, among the legislators, Dr. Menon and Mr. Kurup who have been interesting themselves in this matter and asking interpellations now and then were invited. All these questions may be addressed to the President of the Co-operative Bank and not to the Government."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" On a point of order, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I understand that members of this House, that is M.L.As. have no authority or jurisdiction to send interpellations to elicit answers from the President of the Bank concerned. We are at liberty to put questions through you, Mr. Speaker, to the Hon. Ministers and get the necessary information on the Administration of the State. May I know how we can put interpellations to the President of the Bank and get all this information? I therefore request you, Sir, kindly to direct the Hon. Ministers concerned to furnish us the necessary particulars regarding the administrative matters of our State. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the answer of the Hon. Minister directing me to put questions to the President of the Co-operative Bank, I submit, is not in order."

MR. SPEAKER :—" How can I direct?"

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, are we to understand from the answers given by the Hon. Minister that because the conversion of these societies into other institutions is going on, the

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intention of the Government is to defer a decision on those recommendations till all those societies are converted and when the matter becomes unnecessary? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir. I have already stated that the recommendations of this committee are under consideration."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" On a point of order, Sir . . ."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMAD SHAFEE :—" On a point of order, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let me hear Mr. Shafee. He rises to a point of order . . ."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Is it a point of order against my point of order."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let me hear Mr. Shafee. I shall call the hon. Member afterwards."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMAD SHAFEE :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister was stating in his replies that some one or two M.L.As. of Malabar district were particularly interested in the working of the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies and therefore they were invited; as the President of a Society in the district and as an M.L.A. of the district I think I have a right to know whether such a conference as was held was called for by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and if not, is it relevant to reply to a question which states that ' at the instance of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, such a conference was held, etc.,' by the Hon. Minister? Is it proper and in order to reply to such a question? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Speaker has nothing to do with the method of answer. I cannot give any direction to the Ministers that they should answer in such and such a way. The Speaker cannot interfere in all these things. If the hon. Member is not satisfied with the replies of the Ministers, he has his own weapon and I have been saying that often."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMAD SHAFEE :—" Sir, the question is about the holding of the conference by the head of the department in the State. When the question clearly states that the conference was held at the instance of the Head of the Department and when it is not a fact, is it proper and in order to reply to such a question for the Hon. Minister holding the portfolio? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is not a point of order. I have been telling this House that the Chair has nothing to do with the method of answer. He is concerned only with the conduct of business of the House only."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" It is not about the method of answer that I intended to raise, Sir. Hon. Ministers are at perfect liberty to give unsatisfactory answers and the Speaker

has no control over that. Even if they do not give answers the Speaker cannot compel them. I realize that position and that point is clear. But the Hon. Minister says that the President of the Central Bank is an independent authority and the Minister has no control over his actions. That is what is in question. Sir, the President of the Central Bank is a public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code; he is under the supervision of the Co-operative department; and it is a portfolio of the Hon. Minister and as such any misconduct of that person can be questioned by M.L.As. in this House and the Minister is bound to answer that. If he says that he wants time, etc., that is a different matter. But he says that he cannot answer that point. That is the point I raise."

MR. SPEAKER :—" How can I force him? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I do not understand why hon. Members are so much perturbed over this matter. If they have got any valuable suggestions to make in this connexion, they can pass them on to the Government."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMAD SHAFEE :—" On a point of personal explanation, Sir. The Hon. Minister was asking why I am so much perturbed. I must tell him again that I happen to be the President of a Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society in the district and I also happen to be an M.L.A. representing the district. In these circumstances, I may have a feeling that I was ignored by the head of the department. If it is by any particular party or an organization or association, I have no complaint. But when it is stated here that the conference was held at the instance of the head of the Co-operative department, naturally I have a feeling that I have been ignored and no invitation was issued to me."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall pass on to the next question."

Cotton Market Committee, Tiruppur.

* 1769 *Q.*—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state when the elections to the Tiruppur Cotton Market Committee for Coimbatore district took place?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Hon. Member presumably refers to the Coimbatore Market Committee with headquarters at Tiruppur.

Election to the Coimbatore Market Committee has not so far been held. A nominated Committee, appointed by the Government under section 6 (4) of the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act, functioned, for a period of two years from about 28th October 1950 on which date the Committee was constituted. As election could not be held within the period of two years the Collector took charge of the Committee on 27th October 1952 and he still continues to be in charge of the Committee pending elections."